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## **Sustainability Advisory Committee**

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**MINUTES  
SAC COMMITTEE  
January 24, 2013  
CITY HALL A/B CONFERENCE ROOM**

**ROLL CALL:**

Diane Meyer, Chair  
Jeffrey Flotken  
Stan Braude  
Joanne Boulton, Aldermanic Representative

**ABSENT:**

Peter John Le Blanc  
Richard Marx Jr  
Alex Bornstein  
Pamela Fournier  
Susan Buse, Clayton School District Representative  
Andrea Maddox-Dallas, Aldermanic Representative

**CITY STAFF:**

Mike Pratt, Director of Public Works  
Daneen Schlereth, Recording Secretary

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The minutes of the December 13, 2012 meeting were approved with the correction of committee member Stan Braude changed from absent to present.

Diane confirmed with the committee that they had decided to promote the Audubon Society's "Bringing Conservation Home". Committee agreed.

Diane continued with the discussion of the banning of plastic grocery bags in the City. She informed the committee the Wydown Middle School is behind the idea.

Diane suggested we talk more about the plastic bag issue when we have more members present.

Diane informed the committee she was asked to sit in on the meeting of the Century Foundation Arbor Day Committee, this committee talked about several ideas for an Arbor Day Celebration. It was suggested on having a talking tree and possibly handing out a brochure about the different types of trees in Clayton and how to identify them. Mike informed the committee that every year the City foresters work with the 4<sup>th</sup> graders at the middle schools to plant a tree on Arbor Day.

Diane thought maybe the committee can use some of our budget to help with the cost of the brochure, however she would like to wait and see if the brochure was an idea in passing or if they plan on creating one. She said that would be up for discussion later.

Diane suggested that maybe the committee could pick out a certain flowering tree and plant several throughout the city and have that tree represent out centennial year.

The committee thought that was a great idea.

The committee continued with a general conversation on the different events for the Centennial Celebration.

Stan Braude requested a list of trees the city plants both in the tree lawns and in the parks. He would like to have the list looked at to see if the trees the city are planting are trees that will prosper and still be here for the next 100 years, due to the global warming.

Mike advised the committee the city has several foresters on duty and Gary also has a list of trees for residents to choose from when they request a tree in front of their house.

The committee continued with a general conversation with the different types of trees in the city and what they feel will prosper.

Mike asked Daneen to forward the lists onto Stan.

## **New Business**

J.J. asked if we could have the calendar agenda back for the meetings, so we can have set topics for future meetings. Mike asked Daneen to bring the calendar style minutes that went out last year to the next meeting to plan ahead for future meetings.

Diane asked the committee to bring some ideas to the next meeting.

Mike informed the committee the contract for the waste service will be going out for bid in August of this year. He suggested maybe we could have a discussion on anything we might want to add to the new contract. Diane thought that was a great idea she really enjoyed meeting and discussing the contracts with the different haulers.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Next meeting scheduled for **Thursday, February 28, 2013.**

cc: June Waters, City Clerk